

projects will best promote the purposes of section 749 of the Act. The Secretary will approve or disapprove applications filed in accordance with § 57.1104, taking into consideration, among other factors, the degree to which:

(1) The proposal addresses the legislative intent of the program and has a well-documented rationale;

(2) The objectives of the proposed project are consistent with the program's rationale, and are measurable and achievable within the project period;

(3) The proposed project's methodology is consistent with the objectives and explained in appropriate detail;

(4) The evaluation is linked to the objectives and addresses the project outcomes;

(5) The applicant demonstrates the administrative and managerial capability to carry out the proposed project;

(6) The proposed budget is complete, appropriate, cost-effective, and clearly justified;

(7) The plan for institutionalizing the project outcomes is specific and realistic; and

(8) The proposal plans to attract, maintain, and graduate minority and disadvantaged students.

(b) In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph 9a) of this section, the Secretary will consider any special factors relating to national needs as the Secretary may from time to time announce in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 57.1107 How will grant awards be made?

(a) *General.* (1) Within the limit of funds available, the Secretary will award grants to those applicants whose approved projects will, in his or her judgment, best promote the purposes of section 749 of the Act, as determined in accordance with § 57.1106.

(2) The notice of grant award specifies the length of time the Secretary intends to support the project without requiring the project to re compete for funds. This period, called the project period, will not exceed 3 years.

(3) Generally, the grant will initially be funded for 1 year, and subsequent

continuation awards will also be for 1 year at a time. Decisions regarding continuation awards and the funding levels of these awards will be made after consideration of such factors as the grantee's progress and management practices, existence of legislative authority, and the availability of funds. In all cases, continuation awards require a determination by the Secretary that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

(4) Neither the approval of any project nor the award of any grant shall commit or obligate the United States in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation or other award with respect to any approved project or any portion of an approved project. For continuation support, grantees must make separate application at such times and in such a form as the Secretary may prescribe.

(b) *Determination of grant amount.* The Secretary will determine the amount of any award under this subpart on the basis of his or her estimate of the sum necessary for the cost (including both direct and indirect costs) of the project. In addition, in determining the amount of stipend support to be made available for the general practice residency program, the amount of any stipend must be limited to that portion of the annual amount normally paid to other residents by the applicant which the Secretary determines, on the basis of the documentation required in the application, cannot reasonably be paid from other available funds, including the incomes derived from the residents' services. For the advanced educational program in general dentistry, stipends for participants (who are postdoctoral students) must be paid in accordance with established Public Health Service postdoctoral stipend rates.

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§ 57.1108 How will grant payments be made?

The Secretary will, from time to time, make payments to a grantee of